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Mexico to Issue Import Permits for U.S. Fructose 2005

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Report Highlights:

The Secretariat of Economy announced on September 30, 2005, the criteria to issue import permits for a maximum of 250,000 MT of U.S. fructose products with HTS numbers; 1702.40.99, 1702.60.01, 1702.60.02, and 1702.60.99. These permits will be issued from October 1, 2005 to September 30, 2006.

Includes PSD Changes: No
Includes Trade Matrix: No
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Introduction: This report summarizes an announcement from the Secretariat of Economy (SE) regarding the issuing of import permits for U.S. fructose published in Mexico's "*Diario Oficial*" (Federal Register) on September 30, 2005.

Disclaimer: This summary is based on a *cursory* review of the subject announcement and therefore should not, under any circumstances, be viewed as a definitive reading of the regulation in question, or of its implications for U.S. agricultural export trade interests. In the event of a discrepancy or discrepancies between this summary and the complete regulation or announcement as published in Spanish, the latter shall prevail.

Title: Agreement that modifies the notification that establishes the criteria to issue previous permits by the Secretariat of Economy to the definite imports of fructose originating in the U.S.

FAS/Mexico's Executive Summary: The Secretariat of Economy (SE) announced in the *Diario Oficial* (Federal Register), on September 30, 2005, the criteria that will be used to issue import permits for U.S. fructose. The announcement indicates that since the United States has granted Mexico access of 250,000 MT of sugar to the U.S. market, complying with its NAFTA commitments, Mexico will grant reciprocal access to U.S. fructose. Mexico will issue import permits up to a maximum of 250,000 MT of fructose products with the following HTS numbers; 1702.40.99, 1702.60.01, 1702.60.02, and 1702.60.99. These permits will be issued from October 1, 2005 to September 30, 2006. This announcement is effective from October 1, 2005 until September 30, 2006.

Additional Information: The notification states that since the United States has granted Mexico access of 250,000 MT of sugar to the U.S. market, complying with its NAFTA commitments, and in the spirit of establishing a more amicable environment in which to resolve ongoing bilateral sweeteners issues, Mexico will grant reciprocal market access to U.S. fructose. The SE will issue permits up to a maximum of 250,000 MT of fructose from October 1, 2005 to September 30, 2006.

In order to be eligible for fructose import permits, the importer must furnish the name of the U.S. company from which fructose is being purchased in the import request. The U.S. Government must also provide the SE with a list of companies that will be exporting fructose to the Mexican market. This list must be provided within 5 days of the effective date of the notification.

The import permits will be valid for 30 calendar days, starting the day of issuance, but not beyond September 30, 2006. Importers may request a maximum of 10,000 MT per permit at a time. Subsequent permits will be allowed only when the companies have imported the total quantity requested in the previous permit, or the previous permit has expired.

Important Dates

- 1. Publication Date:** September 30, 2005
- 2. Effective Date:** October 1, 2005 and until September 30, 2006

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